

**441—75.50(249A) Definitions.**

“*Applicant*” shall mean a person who is requesting assistance on the person’s own behalf or on behalf of another person, including recertification under the medically needy program. This also includes parents living in the home with the children and the nonparental relative who is requesting assistance for the children.

“*Application period*” means the months beginning with the month in which the application is considered to be filed, through and including the month in which an eligibility determination is made.

“*Assistance unit*” includes any person whose income is considered when determining eligibility.

“*Bona fide offer*” means an actual or genuine offer which includes a specific wage or a training opportunity at a specified place when used to determine whether the parent has refused an offer of training or employment.

“*Budget month*” means the calendar month from which the county office uses income or circumstances of the eligible group to calculate eligibility.

“*Central office*” shall mean the state administrative office of the department of human services.

“*Change in income*” means a permanent change in hours worked or rate of pay, any change in the amount of unearned income, or the beginning or ending of any income.

“*Change in work expenses*” means a permanent change in the cost of dependent care or the beginning or ending of dependent care.

“*Client*” shall mean an applicant or recipient of Medicaid.

“*Department*” shall mean the Iowa department of human services.

“*Dependent*” means an individual who can be claimed by another individual as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

“*Dependent child*” or “*dependent children*” means a child or children who meet the nonfinancial eligibility requirements of the applicable FMAP-related coverage group.

“*Income in-kind*” is any gain or benefit which is not in the form of money payable directly to the eligible group including nonmonetary benefits, such as meals, clothing, and vendor payments. Vendor payments are money payments which are paid to a third party and not to the eligible group.

“*Initial two months*” means the first two consecutive months for which eligibility is granted.

“*Medical institution,*” when used in this division, shall mean a facility which is organized to provide medical care, including nursing and convalescent care, in accordance with accepted standards as authorized by state law and as evidenced by the facility’s license. A medical institution may be public or private. Medical institutions include the following:

1. Hospitals.
2. Extended care facilities (skilled nursing).
3. Intermediate care facilities.
4. Mental health institutions.
5. Hospital schools.

“*Needy specified relative*” means a nonparental specified relative, listed in 75.55(1), who meets all the eligibility requirements of the FMAP coverage group, listed in 75.1(14).

“*Nonrecurring lump sum unearned income*” means a payment in the nature of a windfall, for example, an inheritance, an insurance settlement for pain and suffering, an insurance death benefit, a gift, lottery winnings, or a retroactive payment of benefits such as social security, job insurance or workers’ compensation.

“*Parent*” means a legally recognized parent, including an adoptive parent, or a biological father if there is no legally recognized father.

“*Prospective budgeting*” means the determination of eligibility and the amount of assistance for a calendar month based on the best estimate of income and circumstances which will exist in that calendar month.

“*Recipient*” means a person for whom Medicaid is received as well as parents living in the home with the eligible children and other specified relatives as defined in subrule 75.55(1) who are receiving Medicaid for the children. Unless otherwise specified, a person is not a recipient for any month in which the assistance issued for that person is subject to recoupment because the person was ineligible.

*“Schedule of needs”* means the total needs of a group as determined by the schedule of living costs, described at subrule 75.58(2).

*“Stepparent”* means a person who is not the parent of the dependent child, but is the legal spouse of the dependent child’s parent by ceremonial or common-law marriage.

*“Unborn child”* shall include an unborn child during the entire term of the pregnancy.

*“Uniformed service”* means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, or Public Health Service of the United States.